



Department of Workforce Services Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Grants

November 1, 2014, 102 TANF Grants were awarded to organizations throughout Utah who provide services addressing 15 employment related issues. Each organization is required to submit quarterly reports providing quantitative data and a high level overview of program outcomes. At year end, each program will be required to submit a detailed report demonstrating program success and organization level outcomes. We anticipate the numbers served and outcomes to increase as programs grow and adjust to community needs over the three year grant. The information below demonstrates data reported after the first two quarters of programming under the TANF Grant.

1. Addiction intervention/support (9 Funded programs)

This includes the broad array of treatment and intervention services that may be needed to help individuals overcome, manage, or accommodate identified and verified conditions that will help stabilize situations and permit individuals to participate more fully in employment activities and the workplace. Where impairments are most severe, chronic, etc. assistance may be provided to help individuals obtain Social Security Income (SSI).

- Number of families served: 186
- Number of families stabilized: 109
- Number of SSI applications submitted: 15
- Average number of days customer participated in program: 37

2. Adult mentoring/peer support for job preparation and education (11 funded programs)

Adult education includes programs and services to help individuals obtain a General Education Development (GED), acquire basic skills for work, and help develop workplace expectations. Activities and services may include helping individuals prepare for entry into the workplace, build self-esteem, develop a resume, problem solving, appropriate attire, etc.

- Number of families served: 259
- Average number of days a customer participated in a program: 14
- Number of credentials upon completion: 146
- Number of participants who achieved level increase upon completion: 155

3. Basic technology skills (4 funded programs)

Training offered should relate to technical skills including keyboarding, software, and other basic computer training.

- Number of number of people served: 23
- Number of people utilizing online basic computer training: 23

4. Domestic violence prevention/victim support (2 funded programs)

Support includes case management, counseling, short term emergency shelter/transitional housing, and information and referral services.

- Number of families served: 48
- Number of children remaining with parents: 109
- Number of families that transition to a safe/stable home environment: 7
- Number of families with children remaining enrolled in school: 42

- Number of families with children regularly attending school: 40

5. Employment retention/job training (4 funded programs)

A wide range of employment training activities focused on job retention including on the job training, advancement training, internships, and job related vocational and literacy skills. Training may occur in a classroom or a flexible delivery system utilizing the workplace.

- Number of individuals served: 30
- Number of individuals showing an increase in skills: 21
- Number of individuals transitioned to employment: 18

6. Expungement assistance (2 funded programs)

Assistance may include quality legal services to low-income families who are seeking expungement of their criminal records to reduce legal barriers in support of job opportunities.

- Number of families served: 83
- Number of customers who received expungement of a FELONY: 2
- Number of customers who received expungement of a MISDEMEANOR: 9

7. Family preservation (10 funded programs)

Family preservation may include short term, family focused services designed to assist families in crisis by improving parenting and family functioning while keeping children safe.

- Number of families served: 421
- Number of families that received services more than once: 280
- Average number of days a customer participated in a program: 19
- Number of families that remained together: 365

8. Fatherhood initiatives/engaging non-custodial parents (2 funded programs)

Initiatives should focus on connecting and reconnecting fathers with their children. Programs should emphasize personal/financial responsibility, mediation services, father-child interactions, coping with stress, problem solving skills, peer support, and job training opportunities that lead to employment.

- Number of families served: 21
- Average number of days customer participated in program: 13
- Number of families successfully reunited: 5
- Number of participants that provide financial support to children: 3
- Number of participants that provide social and/or emotional support to children: 10
- Number of families stabilized: 3

9. Pre-K/school readiness (7 funded programs)

Services may include counseling needy parents about health, safety, educational, cognitive, social and emotional developmental issues related to their children's school readiness. Programming may include early childhood home visitation, developmentally appropriate Pre-K education, intended to serve as a preventative measure for children at risk.

- Number of families served: 237
- Number of children determined kindergarten ready: 80
- Number of parents engaged in kindergarten preparation: 235

10. Rural transportation (1 funded program)

Provide employment related transportation services in rural areas.

- Number of families served: 17
- Number of transportation vouchers issued for employment/training activities: 163
- Number of round trip vouchers paid for employment/training activities: 129
- Number of vouchers issued for educational activities: 118

11. Skills training and employment support for transitioning out of incarceration (4 funded programs)

Programming should provide employment support and job training for transitioning ex-offenders to help reduce recidivism.

- Number of families served: 63
- Average number of days customer participated in a program: 45.75
- Number of participants who transitioned to a training program: 30
- Number of participants who transitioned to employment: 29
- Number of participants that reported having stable housing upon release: 18
- Number of children in the home: 79
- Number of participants who successfully met court requirements (probation or parole, therapy, etc.): 40
- Average length of time between a participant's release from incarceration and program start date: 22.29
- Number of participants receiving other resources or services: 18

Services under TANF Purposes 3 and 4 do NOT require income eligibility.

1. Financial responsibility (12 funded programs)

Focus on budgeting, financial education, credit management, and asset building strategies. Programs may include helping families achieve financial security and promote economic stability. Some organizations provide workshops in partnership with DWS and offered at Employment Centers for DWS customers.

- Number of participants to date: 2977
- Number of participants that reported the ability to pull, read, understand and fix credit reports: 113
- Number of participants that report having a financial plan for budgeting and saving: 82
- Number of recipients that report an increased sense of confidence in dealing with finances: 1083
- Number of recipients that report a decrease in stress related to finances: 691

2. Out-of-wedlock pregnancy prevention (2 funded programs)

Pregnancy prevention and health promotion may include services or classes that focus on teen pregnancy and out-of-wedlock pregnancy prevention. Programs should be evidence based with outcomes tied to out-of-wedlock pregnancy prevention.

- Number of participants served to date: 405
- Number of participants between ages 12 to 15: 220
- Number of participants between ages 16 to 18: 179
- Number of female participants: 153
- Number of male participants: 179
- Number of participants that reported increased awareness of consequences of out of wedlock pregnancy: 151
- Number of participants that reported ability to apply strategies learned: 159

3. **Parenting/relationship skills (17 funded programs)**

Programming should focus on parenting and relationship skills, communication strategies, premarital, marriage and family counseling, and mediation services to maintain or form two-parent families.

- Number of participants that received **parenting skills** training: 6296
- Number of participants that received **relationship skills** training: 4769
- Number of referrals to other resources or services during: 1561

4. **Youth mentoring (23 funded programs)**

Services may include one-on-one or group education and training to prepare youth with essential life skills to live and participate independently and effectively in the community. Programs should focus on mentoring, motivating, and building self-esteem to prepare youth for future training, education and employment.

- Number of youths served to date: 5156
- Average number of hours spent with mentor during last quarter: 31
- Number of youths that reported a positive experience with mentor: 1859
- Number of youths referred to training or post-secondary education: 493
- Number of youths receiving or received services through DCFS or JJS: 327
- Number of youths reported an interest in enrolling in post-secondary education: 868
- Number of youths currently enrolled in traditional school (Elementary, Jr. High, High School): 4312
- Number of youths enrolled in non-traditional education (GED, home school, alternative): 233